

Seek Safer Housing

Top 10 Questions to Ask and have Answered Before you sign a lease

1. Are working smoke alarms installed? *Preferably in each bedroom, each hallway and all levels of the house/apartment; interconnected to sound all if one detects smoke.*
2. Are there at least two (2) ways to exit your bedroom and your building?
3. Do the upper floors of your apartment building have at least two interior stairs, or a fire escape?
4. Is a sprinkler system installed and maintained?
5. Is the electrical wiring adequate for all the appliances and equipment you are bringing – without the need for extension cords?
6. Has there ever been a fire in this building? If so, Why?
7. Do you know how to use the cooking and heating appliance(s) correctly?
8. Has the City or University received any safety complaints regarding this building?
9. Does the house or apartment building have current City and Prince George's County occupancy permits?
10. Do you know you can call the City of College Park Code Enforcement office, 240-487-3570 for a free inspection?

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Smoke Alarms & Sprinklers Save Lives

The safest off-campus housing has working smoke alarms in each bedroom, in hallways, on each floor and a fire suppression sprinkler system

Look Up!



Are there smoke alarms?



In each bedroom?



In each hallway?



Are there sprinklers?



Are they maintained?



Are there EXIT signs in apartment building hallways to indicate accessible escape routes?

Speak Up!



Tell your Landlord



Tell the Fire Marshal/Inspector

📞 City of College Park 240-487-3570

📞 Prince George's County 301-583-1830

📞 UM Campus 301-405-3960

Learn Fire Survival

www.des.umd.edu/fire/video.html

Get out and Stay Alive!